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Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. ACTS 20:34-35

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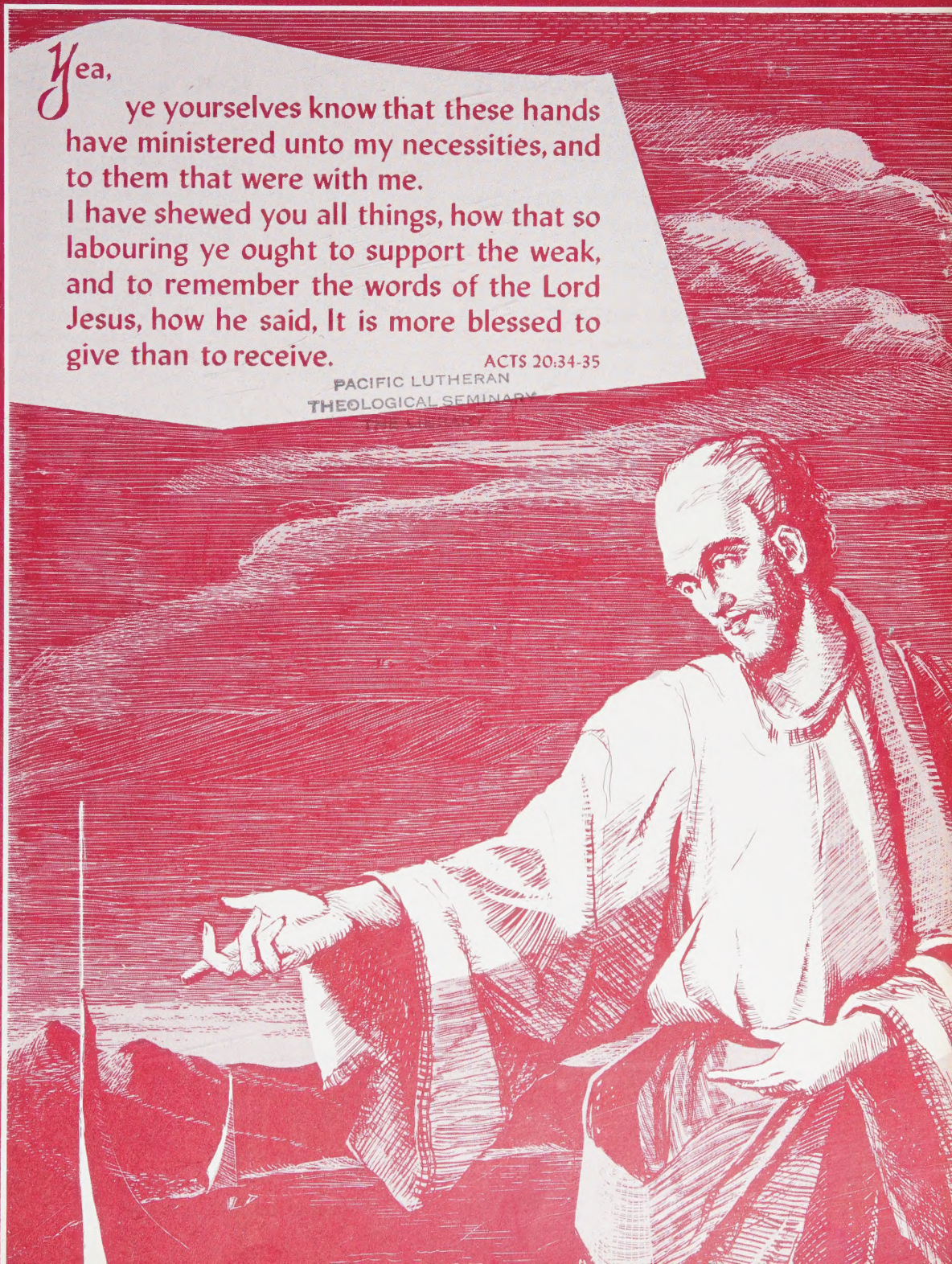

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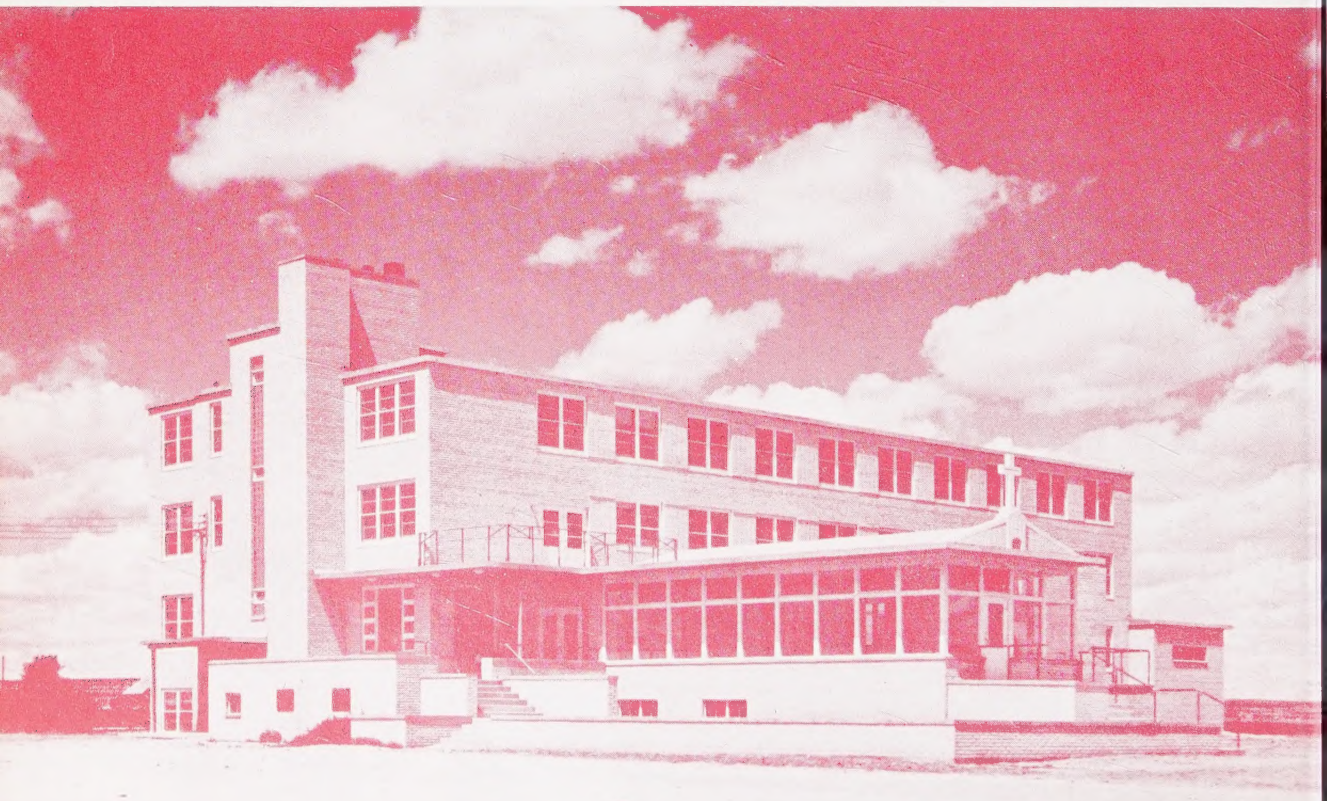

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Compassion in Our Time

Magnus Dahlen

Thank God the Church has compassion. And it is in the spirit of the all-compassionate One who was crucified, arose, and ascended.

Every department in the Church is charged and challenged to go forth in that spirit and to minister to its particular group.

To the Department of Charities the Church has given the particular assignment of carrying the torch of Light and Life in Him to the very least of men.

It is a year of processions! The inaugural in Washington in January was a great event. The pageantry that will accompany the coronation of England's new queen promises to be most colorful, and the reviewing stands show every promise of being crowded to the limit.

Just now there are preparations for academic processions in every high school, college, seminary, and university in the land. All of these have their place and purpose indeed.

We almost covet such a procession of those who serve and those who are served in the charities and welfare work of the Church. But this would be impossible and definitely unthinkable! In many cases we must shield and protect those whom we serve, to say nothing about putting them in a procession. We shall leave that to your imagination. As you think it through in its entirety, it becomes staggering.

Let us leave this procession to the great day of the Lord, when, by God's grace, we pray that they will come from the east, the west, the north, and the south. Pray that they will be there because you and I had a part in a ministry of compassion to them as they came out of distress and tribulation. At one time some of them were perishing sinners. Thanks be to God, they were plucked out of the net.

Then there are those who receive the ministry of this activity in the Church because their homes were broken through no fault of their own. We have reference to children who come out of situations like that.

There are also those who have a rightful claim to whatever service we can render, and we are thinking now especially of those in the evening of life. These are the deserving ones who live in the observation of the Psalmist when he said: "I have been young and now have grown old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

It becomes our lot to be the hands and the feet of the ascended One and minister to all who are in need.

In peopled vale, in lonely glen,
In crowded mart, by stream or sea,
How many of the sons of men
Hear not the message sent from Thee!

Send them Thy mighty word, to speak
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart,
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,
And bind and heal the broken heart.

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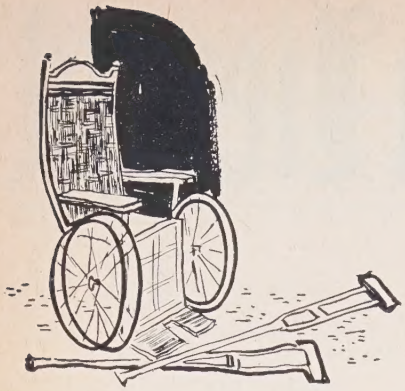

There But for the Grace of God Go I!

Henriette Lund, Consult
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"It couldn't happen to us!" We try to say the words securely when misfortune comes to neighbor or acquaintance. It did happen to my family. A young woman, just after college graduation and marriage, was stricken with poliomyelitis. One day she was radiating with vitality and the next she had to face inability to walk for the rest of her life.

Fortunately, this young patient is a well-adjusted personality surrounded by family and friends who look not upon her disability but upon her ability. And so, after a year and a half in a rehabilitation hospital, she leads a useful, rich life as nearly normal as her handicap permits.

Not all handicapped persons are as favored. Many do not have facilities for physical restoration to the utmost of their capacities; some do not even know about the possibilities. Many do not envision the importance of emotions and spirit in mastering disability. Often families despair or crumble in the long and slow process of bringing the patient back into functional living. Then there are the outsiders (meaning us) whose attitude is often a negative one of pity and helplessness.

Just as there is a new day dawning for many aging people which helps them live creatively and satisfyingly, so there has come a new hope for better life for many adults and children who cannot walk, cannot talk, or who suffer from defects or chronic illnesses. There is a new concept of service which strengthens them as individuals and helps them to help themselves. Whether they can surmount their handicaps and regain self confidence and skill is dependent not only on their own recuperative powers of body and mind and soul—all of which are equally important, by the way—but also on our acceptance of them at their inherent value.

If so much is dependent on us, it is high time we take stock of what we know about the subject. We should make a diligent effort to clarify our thinking on questions concerning the great army of handicapped persons and gain positive information on new and effective ways of helping them to overcome physical handicaps and mental impairment. Our Church has taught us to believe in the dignity and sanctity and worth of ev human being. We have shown our concern for hum need in other areas, such as troubled families, depe ent children, and older people. The field of conserv the potentialities of the injured and ill and deformec as yet almost untouched.

What is to be done? Perhaps a first step is to l earnestly at the facts, in terms of the extent of problem, and then at the tremendous services that being developed in this day.

The number of handicapped persons is staggeri Twenty-eight million people are physically disabled our country because of wars, injury, disease, or genital defects. Each year 250,000 new people are adc Polio epidemics alone have taken a tragic toll. Of c dren with cerebral palsy there are about 200,000; of all children with malformed bodies, 750,000. I estimated that 1,500,000 could be rehabilitated e year if proper service were available.

Of prime importance among existing services is Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency wh administers grants to states for crippled children's p ects in cerebral palsy, rheumatic fever, epilepsy, hea rehabilitation, and so forth. The federal-state prog of vocational rehabilitation has helped hundreds thousands toward realization of their capacities economic security. Community rehabilitation cen which treat and retrain many persons who were sidered incapable of restoration, and including also education of parents of handicapped children, are creasingly developed by the voluntary agencies.

Curative and sheltered workshops—a program which Lutheran Welfare is directly interested—c another haven of reconstructive work. The mili hospitals especially have given almost miraculous s ice in salvaging broken lives. The Veterans Hospita Minneapolis, for instance, is one of a number of sim hospitals which are a fine example of medical reha tation for the physically disabled and the mentally There were 110 World War I veterans in this hos who had been flat on their backs for ten to tw

ears. Through modern surgical skill, physical, corrective, and occupational therapy and counseling, over a period of eight months, 25 patients were discharged and are working at full employment; the majority are back home on part-time employment; only 10 out of the whole group remained in the hospital! The work of the Sister Kenny Institute in Minneapolis, too, is familiar to most of us.

What is not so generally known is that the after-care in rehabilitation therapy on the part of societies for the crippled played an important part in the recovery of many patients. The President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped has just issued a useful bulletin on rehabilitation material (No. 146), "Employing the Physically Handicapped," available in libraries.

There is a growing awareness of the need in this great field of human service which reaches deep into the Church. A heartening story appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post,* November 15, 1952, about the struggle of a blind Lutheran pastor and his wife to be accepted by a congregation, and the glorious victory of the parishioners in looking beyond his sightlessness to intrinsic values. Interestingly enough, there are at least five blind pastors in the service of the Lutheran Church in this country.

The account of the brave mother and father, in their adjustment to "their irresistible child" who was born without arms and their acceptance of his handicap, proves the power of goodness. ("Triumph of Love," *Ladies Home Journal,* January, 1953.)

It may be that we have barely begun to understand the miraculous power of mind over matter. I caught a glimpse of the possibilities recently when the board member of a Lutheran institution spoke of the glorious return of her husband into useful living. He became paralyzed a few years after their marriage and for twenty years was bedridden, unable to move or speak. As a means of communication (because he had the use of one finger only), he operated a system of alphabetical blocks on a shelf over his bed, pushing the letters into place to spell out words.

Adequate financial means in the family assured good medical treatment, but in her unshakable faith and determination, the wife began to explore avenues of rehabilitation. She volunteered her services to welfare agencies and searched continuously for ways of helping her husband "to carry on with what was left," to quote the words of Dr. Howard Rusk, who has given spectacular leadership in rehabilitating people. An electric typewriter was secured, and for the first time in twenty years the husband could communicate freely with his family and write long letters to his son in college, whom he had never before been able to contact. As part of a far-reaching plan, a speech therapist is teaching him to speak, while an instructor in creative writing is guiding his writings, which have deep spiritual value and are finding their way into publication. Slowly, painstakingly, this therapy is leading to other steps so that the patient is gradually regaining new strengths. The happiest day in her life, says the wife, came when her husband surprised her by sitting up and singing, "Happy birthday to you!"

What happened to this man has been achieved for thousands of others in other ways, because there are people who care and who strive to fathom human needs and capabilities, and who understand that the basic way to help anyone is to help them to help themselves.

The attitude of all of us, it must be repeated, is a valuable vehicle or a damaging weapon, whichever we choose to make it. Do we see only the disability and limitations, or do we look at the whole person, physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally? Do we think of the handicapped as a segregated group who are "the blind" or "the deaf" or "the crippled," or are they part of us in church, industry, school, and community? Do we look intelligently and sympathetically, not sentimentally or disinterestedly, at the handicapped person within our own range of acquaintanceship?

We can begin by reaching out to him right now with deep concern. Sightless, paralytic, epileptic, cardiac, mentally ill, orthopedically crippled, tuberculous, club-footed, alcoholic, amputee, a person with hearing or speech disorders or facial deformity—whatever the impairment, this makes no difference in our thinking. What does matter is that we assist him as an individual who has

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The National Board

At our meeting in February we got all the board members who were present huddled into a corner for an informal pose.

In the group picture, top row, left to right, the first one is Mr. Arthur Myklebust, superintendent of the State School for the Deaf at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is also consultant to the board of the Ephphatha Mission for the Deaf and Blind at Faribault, Minnesota. The Rev. F. L. Ericksen of the Pacific District is a pastor in Burlington, Washington. Mr. Harold Simerson of Belmond, Iowa, has farming interests and represents the South Central District. He has a special assignment as supervisor of the Rudesill farms of the Beloit Children's Home at Ames. The Rev. G. S. Thompson of the Northern Minnesota District is pastor at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. The Rev. S. T. Sorenson of the California District has recently resigned from his parish at Glendale and has accepted a call to be the chaplain at the Bethesda Home for the Aged in Chicago, succeeding Dr. Ariel O. Mortvedt, deceased. The Rev. J. S. Stolee of Bawlf, Alberta, is the representative from the Canada District.

In the front row, left to right, the first is Dr. C. C. Swain of Minot, North Dakota, who for a long time was president of the ELC Brotherhood. Dr. Swain is president of Minot State Teachers College. Mr. Magnus Ronning, representing the Eastern District, was elected chairman of the Board of Charities in February. He is vice-president of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company in Chicago. Pastor M. A. Dahlen has been executive secretary of the Board of Charities since January 1, 1946. Mr. C. L. Nasby, auditor of the ELC and consultant to the board, has been associated with the department for 23 years. Last year t Church deservingly honored him as one of the l delegates to Hannover.

Not in the picture is the Rev. Harold Strand of S James, Minnesota, who represents the Southern Minn sota District. There is a vacancy in the membersh from the Rocky Mountain District.

These board members are elected by the Gener Convention of the Church for a term of four yea Their terms are staggered and members cannot elected for more than two consecutive terms.

The National Board has the responsibility of esta lishing basic areas of operation and exploring with t executive secretary new fields of endeavor. Before the are implemented, they are reported to and reviewed the Church Council.

The Executive Secretary

The executive secretary is appointed by the Board Charities for a term of six years, although the boa reserves the right to call him for a shorter period.

It is his duty to execute the policies of the board, report periodically on the program in all its vario functions, and to serve as the liaison between the Boa of Charities and the Division of Welfare of the Natio Lutheran Council, the Cabinet of Secretaries of oth Lutheran Charities and Social Action Boards, the L theran Welfare Societies and Councils, and the churc owned or church-related charitable institutions whi receive subsidies from the Charities budget.

He shall seek to inform the board regarding the ne for action to alleviate ills of our contemporary soci and suggest plans and programs for their alleviation.

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Brick and Mortar

The Board of Charities of necessity became tremendously involved with brick and mortar the last few years. The end of World War II found many of our institutions "past obsolete," certainly in need of much repair. The priorities had not been lifted more than a few months, when the Church in Convention gave a mandate:

WHEREAS, There is a serious situation prevailing in many of our institutions, especially as it pertains to old and inadequate buildings; and

WHEREAS, Many communities are anxious to rise to the occasion for an ingathering to add to or rebuild institutions in the Department of Charities serving their area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Church authorize the Department of Charities to take steps as soon as possible to modernize, fireproof, and condition for higher standards all buildings in which they operate.

The manner in which this mandate has been carried out can be traced by going through the voluminous Annual Reports of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. But we have chosen to share through the columns of Lutheran Herald a major listing of these projects.

Church Owned Sunset Homes

Aase Haugen Home, Decorah, Iowa. A new barn, silo, farm sheds, and home for the superintendent have been built. An extension cottage has been purchased for service to the aged at nearby Calmar.

Bethany Home for the Aged, formerly located at Bawlf, Alberta, Canada, was re-located and a brand new home was built at Camrose.

Bethesda Home for the Aged at Beresford, South Dakota, has had a large wing added to its building.

Red Wing Seminary Memorial Homes. A very excellent residence for the aged was purchased at Kenyon, Minnesota.

Skaalen Sunset Home, Stoughton, Wisconsin, is really a brand new institution. The old home, standing about two miles out in the country, burned to the ground in 1946. The new home is located in the city of Stoughton.

The old, original wooden building of the *Josephine Sunset Home,* Stanwood, Washington, is still standing, but beside it is a magnificent new building.

Story City Old People's Home, Story City, Iowa, has had a large wing added.

The *Lutheran Memorial Home* at Twin Valley, Minnesota, is a brand new institution.

The *Knute Nelson-Glenwood Memorial Home* at Alexandria, Minnesota, has started operating in the residence of the former senator.

The *Lutheran Old People's Home* at Madison, Minnesota, is completing a new large addition which includes a chapel, infirmary, and elevator.

Church-Related Sunset Homes

At the *Coeur d'Alene Homes,* Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a large infirmary has been built.

The *Bethel Lutheran Home* at Williston, North Dakota, is a completely new home.

Eau Claire Lutheran Home for the Aged, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Two large residences were purchased for the establishment of this home.

Foss Home for the Aged, Seattle, Washington, has purchased grounds for a re-located home.

Eventide Lutheran Home, Moorhead, Minnesota, is a large new home.

At the *Parkside Lutheran Home,* Lisbon, North Dakota, a residence was purchased for the establishment of a home.

The *Solheim Lutheran Home for the Aged,* Eagle Rock, California, has built a new residence for the superintendent and is completing plans for an infirmary.

A large new *Lutheran Home for the Aged* has also been built at Minot, North Dakota, and a major part of the donations and support comes from members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our people have also donated generously toward the building project of the *Ebenezer Home* in Minneapolis.

Our Present Concerns

The *Homme Home for the Aged* at Wittenberg, Wisconsin, is old, weatherbeaten, and obsolete. It serves the area of the Green Bay and Central Wisconsin Circuits, and these people have it on their agendas right now, from April 1 to December 1, to indicate their interest.

At *Red Wing, Minnesota,* grounds have been set apart on College Hill for an infirmary.

The *Pleasant View Home for the Aged* at Ottawa, Illinois, is reviewing the possibilities of a much needed infirmary.

New homes for the aged are being planned at Viroqua, Wisconsin, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Additions are contemplated for the Bethesda Home in Chicago, the Pioneer Memorial Home at Fergus Falls,

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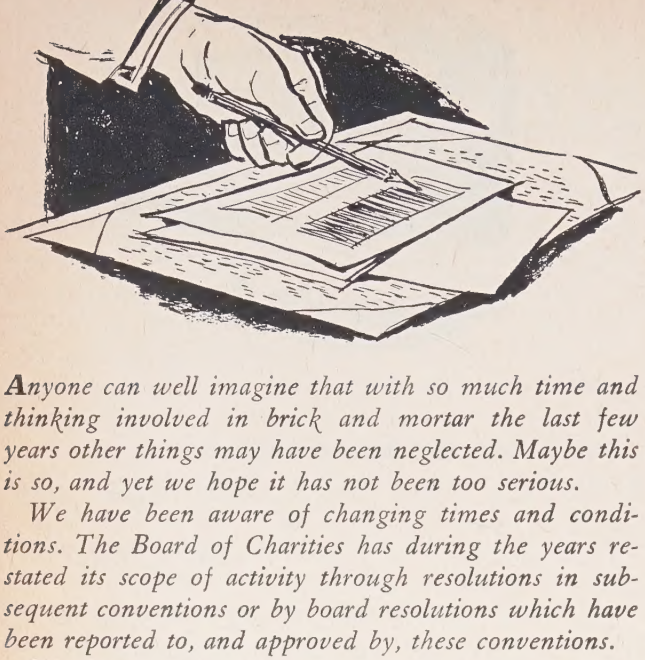

Basic Statements of Policies

Anyone can well imagine that with so much time and thinking involved in brick and mortar the last few years other things may have been neglected. Maybe this is so, and yet we hope it has not been too serious.

We have been aware of changing times and conditions. The Board of Charities has during the years restated its scope of activity through resolutions in subsequent conventions or by board resolutions which have been reported to, and approved by, these conventions.

The board in its February meeting spent much time in thinking through its operations and functions in this present day and sought to discover if, by traditions that have developed over the years, these should be reviewed, bearing in mind that, as these have become recognized and acceptable as basic and sound, consideration be given to making a new policy statement. Briefly stated, here is an effort towards such a goal.

The Board of Charities shall implement for The Evangelical Lutheran Church, through its church-owned or church-related agencies and institutions and through her chaplains, its ministry of mercy, its health and welfare activities, in keeping with the vision and spirit of Him who had compassion upon all men.

If we would seek to exercise pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father, there must be visitation with the motivation of help and understanding to the fatherless and widows in their affliction. The poor, the maimed, the blind must not be forgotten.

The all-compassionate One has ascended, but He has left with us a mandate and a concern that the hungry be given meat, that drink be given the thirsty, that we take in the stranger, that we visit the sick, and come to the imprisoned with the balm of the peace of His pardon and presence. We must be concerned that the righteous be not forsaken nor their seed driven to begging bread.

Clothed with the insignia of these great responsibilities, let us walk humbly among our fellowmen and go forth with the assurance that whatsoever we do unto the sick, the sad, the sorrowing, the poor, the infirm, the imprisoned, and the least of these our brethren, we have done it unto HIM.

Scope of Activity—Area of Concern

As far as in us lies the ability to perform, as we a provided with the means, and as staff is available, pe ple of every age group who are in need must be o concern.

As a Board of Charities, we cannot operate institutio for those who require restraint for the protection society. On the other hand, we must seek to rea these through a chaplaincy and/or other spiritual cou seling services, and a rightly motivated, spiritual, obje tive, and mature volunteer visitation service.

Naturally, our own must be our first concern. B this is not to be construed to mean that those of oth communions who otherwise cannot be taken care o or those without any church affiliation, shall be left o of our concern and ministration.

Long Overdue Policy Statements Released

In view of the fact that both Lutheran Welfare Societi and our Child Care Institutions have for some time bee looking for more basic directives under which to ope ate, here are the Board of Charities policies for relatio ship of Lutheran Welfare Societies to the Departme of Charities of the ELC, especially in respect to its i stitutional child care program:

In actions by the ELC in its general conventions ov a period of more than twenty years, and especially i a re-statement of policy at its 1952 convention, the D partment of Charities of the ELC has delegated to L theran Welfare agencies in the several states the cas work services to children in its institutions and in i foster home and adoptive placement programs. To inte pret the scope and purpose of these resolutions, and summarize them for general policies in this field of t work of the Department of Charities, the board adop the following statements:

We begin with the understanding that the Luther Welfare Societies are agencies of the Church to whi the various synods have delegated certain specific fiel of service, and especially to provide casework servi

to children in the child care institutions of the Church.

We understand that this includes intake casework, service while the child is at the institutions, and placement with continued casework service.

A. We understand that it is the first responsibility of our Church to care for dependent and neglected Lutheran children as far as possible.

B. But the Church also recognizes its mission of charity to children who are not of Lutheran background and seeks to extend its services also to them.

C. Among the children in these two groups, we consider our primary responsibility to be to such dependent and neglected children as are capable of acceptable adjustment.

D. The Church recognizes that there are also children who are in need of specialized child care treatment. But we believe that such services should be given only with careful consideration of current available resources, such as staff, finances, and physical plant, as well as community co-operation.

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Minnesota, and the Normanna Home at Vancouver, British Columbia, which are largely supported by our people. We are also anxious about added and more modern facilities for the Eger Home for the Aged at Staten Island, New York, the Lutheran Home for the Aged at Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the Northwood Old People's Home, Northwood, North Dakota, where there are a great number of ELC residents, who look to us for support.

All these homes look pretty much to their immediate constituency for the funds it will take to make improvements and additions that are needed.

Homes Serving Children

With these, too, it became imperative to proceed in keeping with the mandate of the Church. This is the story in brief:

Beloit Lutheran Children's Home, Ames, Iowa, is a brand new institution, moved from Beloit, Iowa.

Homme Children's Home, Wittenberg, Wisconsin, has a new cottage at Wittenberg and another at Eau Claire.

Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home, Chicago, Illinois, has erected a new duplex for the superintendent and the engineer and their families.

Bethesda Children's Home, Beresford, South Dakota, has replaced its old building by a magnificent new structure.

The *Lake Park-Wild Rice Children's Home* is a merger of two institutions and is in a new structure at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The two homes were formerly at Lake Park and Twin Valley, Minnesota.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year about twelve students become recipients of scholarships for graduate study in social work. The scholarships vary in amounts up to $800 depending upon individual plans and circumstances. Applicants must be confirmed Lutherans with acceptable scholastic records.

Some scholarships are also provided in the fields of hospital administration, the teaching of nursing arts, and institutional chaplaincy.

Information on any of these scholarships may be secured by writing the Department of Charities.

Nellie Svee Memorial Home at Fargo, North Dakota, is a new institution.

Parkland Children's Home, Everett, Washington, has completed much repairing, renovating, and a new home for the superintendent.

The *Martin Luther Children's Home* at Stoughton, Wisconsin, has buildings which are in good condition, but the program has called for repair and improvements.

The *Lutheran Deaconess Day Nursery,* Chicago, Illinois, has had a grand job of "face lifting" its old building and has added a large new wing.

So much, then, for this "brick and mortar" report. But brick and mortar it had to be, unless we were to "fold up" because of not measuring up to even minimum standards.

At this point we want to recognize the patience of State Licensing Departments which pressed for action in many cases. Now representatives of these departments admit that, as far as physical plants are concerned, these are as fine as, or even better than, most in the land.

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spiritual resources that will enable him to live usefully and happily in the sight of man and God.

Faith and good words open new frontiers of usefulness. Wise planning on the part of Lutheran workers is needed in this whole field. Pastor, doctor, teacher, social worker, therapist, vocational counselor, volunteer and professional worker, and good neighbor—all have a contribution to make together in the purposeful restoration of handicapped people.

"There but for the grace of God go I!"

National Board

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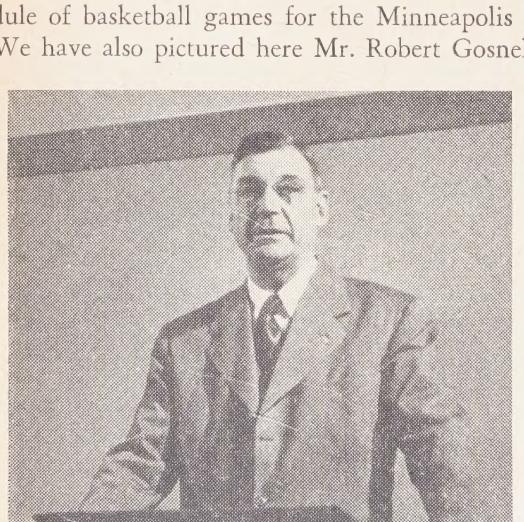
The Board of Charities and its executive secretary shall have upon call for information and consultation the services of the auditor and consultant to the department, the legal counsel of the Church, and the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council.

To the left in the photo above is the Home Hospital, erected in 1935. Here the chaplain's office is also located. Building No. 6, to t right, contains the chapel.

He Walks Among Them

Gladys Woge

A lot of people call it, "The Old Soldiers' Home," and in the minds of many it is simply a place where those who have served in the armed forces of our country (or their mothers, wives, or widows) retire to "rest out" their waning years. True, they are not as spry as they used to be, some of them—even 96-year-old Mrs. Buck will admit that "I don't seem to get around as much as I used to"—but they have an enthusiasm and interest for things which often surprise the visitor. I thought of this and chuckled as I noticed the schedule which had been posted above the television set in the library, a schedule of basketball games for the Minneapolis Lakers. We have also pictured here Mr. Robert Gosnell, 84 year old bugler, who served in the Philippines and Cuba. During his 14 years in service, he was a bugl for all but two of them, and has now been at the hon for 15 years, "still going strong."



Pastor Braa conducts the Sunday morning worship service

Lying on the banks overlooking the Mississippi Riv just below the Ford Dam, the park-like setting of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home is a pleasant and interesting place, especially during the spring and summer months. Here residents can watch the activity of the river, the barges which pass below them. On a warm, sunny afternoon you will find many out under the trees, reading, sewing, or visiting.

Mr. Gosnell

Many questions came to my mind as I visited the hon with their chaplain, the Reverend Henry T. Braa. A of them were to be answered as a day in the life of a institutional chaplain unfolded.

What was the justification for maintaining a full-tim Lutheran chaplain here? Statistics carried the answ At that time there were 157 Catholics, making up per cent of the total, and 335 Protestants, making up per cent of the total. Of those 335 Protestants, 89 p cent were Lutheran.

There are a great many things which are a part the life of Chaplain Braa as he moves among his "co gregation." Many of these people have major adju ments to make in being shifted from their own hom

The Hobby Shop has proved a means of rehabilitation and entertainment to many at the home. Here Commandant Soderling visits with members of a wood-carving class.

to the "group life" of a home such as this, and the loneliness and discomfort is eased by the kindly understanding and counsel given by their chaplain.

Included in his responsibilities are the Sunday morning worship services, administering Communion both at services and privately, counselling, Bible lectures, hospital visitations, baptisms, conducting funerals, and providing special services and social activities for residents of the home.

As a method of approach to the men, the chaplain sends a letter of welcome to each new member, advising them of the availability of the chaplain and when and where church services are held. This method has already proved successful in orientating new members to the life of the home.

The chaplain maintains regular hours for the counselling of members and employees, helping them to work out their problems and grievances. Worship services are held every Sunday morning and on the chief church festival days. Visits to all the patients in the hospital are made once a week, and a daily visit is made on the floors to determine if any are in need of help or special attention. Prayers and scripture readings are freely given to and for all who desire spiritual guidance.

The providing of a program of social activities for the home also falls under the supervision of the chaplain. Religious films and films of general interest are provided weekly, and various church and organizational groups come in to furnish programs. Music groups, too, are always appreciated and welcomed.

The purpose of the home is to provide care for soldiers, soldiers' wives, widows, and mothers; and to rehabilitate to useful life whenever possible. Every effort is made to make it a real home, and residents are free to leave whenever they want to, provided they have someone to take care of them or are properly rehabilitated to take employment.

Buildings and grounds are well taken care of. The hospital is well equipped and is maintained for the convenience of residents. Medicine is provided free. Surgical patients are sent either to the Veterans' Hospital (men) or to General Hospital (women). There are 492 residents at the home at present, 91 of whom are women, plus approximately 150 employees.

The home operates under a Board of Trustees which is appointed by the governor for a term of six years. Mr. Norman Tallakson, Willmar, Minnesota, an active member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, is a member of this board at present. Commandant is Richard Soderling, who has consistently shown a sympathetic and co-operative appreciation for the work of the chaplain and of each individual resident at the home.

It is a real ministry, the ministry of a compassionate Church to those who are too often forgotten.

The Men's Dining Hall, a busy, bustling place as the noon meal is served.

Fellowship and inspiration are received as members meet for a study of the Word.

AN OPEN DOOR AND A HEARTY WELCOME

The Lutheran Charities of Chicago, a federation of 27 Lutheran Health and Welfare agencies in Illinois, with offices at 343 South Dearborn Street (telephone HArrison 7-8032) is at your service while you are here for the Lutheran Welfare Conference. We shall look for you in large numbers.

We shall be happy to direct you to the institutions and agencies that you choose to visit. We appreciate the support and interest of the Board of Charities of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

Greetings to the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, as you assemble in Chicago for your twenty-fifth national meeting and for your Silver Jubilee observance.

It is significant on this occasion that you have joint sessions with the Associated Lutheran Charities at the same time and place. It is commendable to have the Lutheran Church working together in this field of health and welfare.

Our own agencies and those affiliated with us are expected to be represented by staff and board members, and we look forward to the largest conference of this kind ever assembled. To you who plan to attend, may we suggest that you come a day or so before your conference? Look around. You will be directed to all that is good and fine in this crossroads city of America.

It will be a special joy for Pastor Dahlen, who is this year's president of your conference, to greet you also. We remember him as a pastor here in Chicago and, of course, for his long association with agencies and activities over the years.

May God bless you and grant you a rich and fruitf assembly.

Magnus I. Ronning, Chairman
Board of Charities
The Evangelical Lutheran Church

FROM THE ELC PASTORS AND CONGREGATIO

It was good to hear that workers in the Chariti Health, and Welfare activities of the Church are comi to Chicago for their conference.

Saturday, May 16, you will no doubt be traveling. W welcome you to join in our worship services on Sund May 17. Below is a list of our churches and locatio

Bethany, 4129 Newport, The Rev. T. C. Thorson
Bethel, 4129 Humboldt Boulevard and Dickens
Calvary, 11249 South Spaulding, The Rev. Harold Larser
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Program

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN WELFARE CONFERENCE IN AMERICA

Hotel Sheraton—505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

May 18-20, 1953

Joint Meetings

It is a significant opportunity for the Lutheran Welfare Conference and the Associated Lutheran Charities to be meeting at the same time and place this year. This fact has enabled the two Conferences to plan some of the sessions together—thus providing opportunities for Lutheran Welfare personnel to get better acquainted and assuring the delegates of a program of high quality.

Registration

A registration fee of $3.00 is payable at time of registration. This fee permits the delegate to participate fully in the Conference and to attend an institute of his choice. It also serves as membership dues for one year in the Conference and entitles the member to a year's subscription to the quarterly "Conference Bulletin" and a bound copy of the Proceedings of the Conference.

When registering, delegate should indicate choice of institute and also purchase ticket for banquet.

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Preliminary Program

Monday, May 18, 1953

12:00-2:00 p.m. Registration

2:00 p.m. Opening of Conference
Devotions and Business Meeting
The Rev. Magnus Dahlen, President, presiding

3:30 p.m. *General Session
"The Role of the Church-Related Agency in the Community"
Speaker: Robert MacRae, Director, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago
*Meetings of Special Groups

7:30 p.m. Women's Auxiliaries
An open forum for discussion of Auxiliary Programs and Projects
Co-Chairman: Mrs. H. A. Wolfe, President, Women's Auxiliary, Lutheran Children's Ho
Society of Nebraska
Mrs. Gustav Larson, President, Women's Auxiliary, Augustana Inner Mission Society
Chicago

7:30 p.m. National Lutheran Nurses Guild

7:30 p.m. Institutional Chaplains and Social Workers Joint Meeting
"Roles and Relationship of Caseworkers and Chaplains"

8:30-9:00 p.m. Report of Lutheran Advisory Council on Pastoral Care
The Rev. Carl R. Plack, Consultant, Division of Welfare, National Lutheran Council

9:00 p.m. Coffee Hour for Chaplains and Social Workers

Tuesday, May 19, 1953

9:00 a.m. Matins

9:30-10:45 a.m. *Institutes

1. Children's Services
"Scattered Showers"—a dramatic presentation
Moderator: Mr. Arnold O. Wahlberg, Casework Supervisor, Lutheran Children's Frie
Society, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
Discussants: Mr. Lloyd O. Allen, Executive Secretary, Lutheran Social Services, I
Fort Wayne, Indiana. "The Strength of the Parent-Child Relationship"
Miss Geraldine Lewis, Caseworker, Lutheran Home Finding Society, Chicago, Illin
"Implications in a Boarding Home"

2. Family Service
"The Family Service Agency in the Community As a Resource for Lutheran Pastors a
Agencies"
Speaker: Mrs. Elsa Dahl Abbott, Family Service Bureau, United Charities, Chica
Illinois
Leader: The Rev. R. Spannaus, Executive Director, Associated Lutheran Welfare, Se
tle, Washington

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3. Care of the Aged
"A New Look at the Responsibilities of a Home for the Aged"
For an administrator
Speaker: Mr. Benjamin Grossman, Executive Director, Drexel Home, Chicago, Illinois

4. Institutional Chaplaincy
"The Place of Theology in Clinical Pastoral Education"
Speaker: The Rev. Edward J. Mahnke, St. Louis, Missouri
"The Scope of the Chaplaincy"
Speaker: The Rev. Fredric Norstad, Director Chaplaincy Services, Lutheran Welfare Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota

5. Volunteers (only 1 session)
"The Role of Volunteers"
Speaker: Mrs. Evelyn Byron, Director Volunteer Bureau, Chicago, Illinois

11:00 a.m. *General Session
"The Family in Time of Tension"
Speaker: The Rev. Paul Hansen, Director of Family Research Project Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

12:00 m. Luncheons of Special Groups
Officers of Lutheran Welfare State and Area Councils (Others may be announced later)

2:00-4:00 p.m. *Institutes (2nd session)

1. Children's Services
"Problems Faced in Rejecting Adoption Applications"
Speaker: Mr. Alfred F. Angster, Chief, Child Welfare Unit, Division of Social Welfare, St. Paul, Minnesota

2. Family Service
"The Development of Family Casework Service in a Lutheran Agency"
Speakers: The Rev. F. A. Smith, Th.D., Executive Director, Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California
Miss Marge Faraday, Casework Director, Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California

3. The Aged
"A New Look at the Responsibilities of a Home for the Aged"
a. With applicants
The Rev. John M. Kempf, Superintendent, Lutheran Home for the Aged
b. With non-residents
The Rev. Walter Harrison, Superintendent, Lutheran Home for Orphans and Aged

4. Institutional Chaplaincy
Leader: The Rev. Carl R. Plack
"The Chaplain and Volunteers"
Speaker: The Rev. George Hansler, Director Chaplaincy Services, Lutheran Welfare Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
"The Chaplain As Member of a Team"
Speaker: The Rev. Daniel Sandstedt, Chicago, Illinois
"Sermon Studies and Preaching Techniques"
Speaker: The Rev. H. F. Wind, D.D., Buffalo, New York

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6:00 p.m. *Conference Dinner
Toastmaster: The Rev. Luthard Gjerde, Director Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota
Speaker: Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, President, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana
"The Ministry of Love in the Life of the Church"

Wednesday, May 20, 1953

9:00 a.m. Matins

9:30-10:45 a.m. *Institutes (Final Session)

1. Children's Services
"The Place of the Institution in the Total Child Care"
Speaker: Mrs. Suzanne Schulze, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Social Servi
Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

2. Family Service
Panel Discussion
Discussants: Miss Lillian Franzen, Director of Lutheran Resettlement, State of Washin
ton
The Rev. James Shealy, Director of Case Work, Lutheran Inner Mission Society, Bal
more, Maryland
Mr. Paul Larson, Assistant Executive Religious Case Consultant, Family Service,
Paul, Minnesota
The Rev. M. A. Fenner, Administrative Assistant, Lutheran Children's Friend Socie
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

3. The Aged
"A New Look at the Responsibilities of a Home for Aged"
"Responsibilities to Parish and Community"
Panel Discussion
The Group Worker in a Parish and Community Setting
Miss Jean Hanson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Volunteers Working with Older People
Mrs. Evelyn Byron, Chicago, Illinois
The Relationship of the Home for Aged to the Parish
The Rev. Walter E. Wittman, Chicago, Illinois

4. Institutional Chaplaincy
"Literature in the Field of Pastoral Care"
The Rev. Granger Westberg, Chicago, Illinois
"Exploring New Areas in the Chaplaincy Service"
The Rev. Edward J. Kroencke, Bethesda, Maryland

11:00 a.m. Reports of Institutes presented by Institute Leaders

12:15 p.m. Luncheons of Special Groups (To be announced)

2:00 p.m. *General Session
"World Wide Lutheran Welfare—Its Program and Responsibility"
Speaker: The Rev. Stewart W. Herman, D.D., Executive Secretary, Division of Luther
Cooperation in Latin America, National Lutheran Council

3:15 p.m.
Business Session
Closing of Conference

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For Believing Men

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 10, 1953
Text: John 16:23-28

Of His riches Christ spoke to His disciples, saying, "Thus far in our association you have asked nothing in my name. I assure you that in the future, if you ask anything in my name, I will pray the Father on your behalf and your petitions will be granted, and your joy will be complete."

Such words, filled with spiritual wisdom and with abundant promise, are true. That we ought to believe. For our Lord spoke with the confidence of the Son of God, who had intimate knowledge of the riches of God and who knew that the riches of God were intended for believing men.

Intended for believing men! Have you ever really given that thought the attention and concern it demands? God intends grace and every blessing for believing men. The grace of God for the forgiveness of sin and for the strengthening of faith and life, and the blessings of God for daily living and for the life to come—such is the intention of God. But I wonder, can it be true now, as well as then, that "hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name"? Are you asking in faith, asking in Jesus' name, for the promised abundance of God?

Our Lord once said, "Ye have not because ye ask not." It applies now, doesn't it? Prayer, believing prayer in Jesus' name, is still the power of the soul in communication with the Father. It is the daily strength of the Christian. It is the power to move the Church in obedience to God and His Word. It is the archway of the Spirit that reaches into heaven on which the saints of God have made their pilgrimages of devotion, love, and sacrifice. It is the individual's way of access to the riches of the Savior, for it is He who of His riches offers the believing soul all that is needed, body and soul, from day to day.

Are you asking? And for what?

Today, tonight—ask in Jesus' name for the grace to live a humble life of Christian faith and obedience. Ask for the grace of God upon the Church, that it may be strong in the face of weakness. Ask for the blessing of God upon the fields of mission endeavor, and for His blessing upon the adventure of love through Christian charity. Ask for the favor of God upon our pastors and people, that through them a strong witness may bring others into the saving grace of God. Ask, and of His riches our risen Lord will grant your fervent prayers, for the blessings of God and the grace of God are intended for believing men. Amen.

"... And Their Works Do Follow Them"

T. Arnold Thompsen

MEMORIALS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Memorials to Home Missions are not new! Nor is it unique to receive inquiries concerning the Church Extension Fund. However, a number of letters have recently been received suggesting that the Church Extension Fund be brought to the attention of our people as another fund to which memorials could and should be given. What could be more fitting than a memorial given to the Church Extension Fund, where the gift is used to extend the Kingdom among us here at home, not just once, but over and over again? Such gifts go to work immediately and continue to serve, because the Church Extension Fund is a revolving fund.

Our Lord has commissioned the Church to be a witness in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, as well as to the uttermost parts of the earth. By the Church Extension Fund we make possible through loans to young churches the preaching of the Gospel in new communities on the home front. It is interesting to note that the new congregations under Home Missions contributed $169,864.59 to the budget benevolences of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1951, the last figure compiled. This meant that gifts to Church Extension, which made possible those churches, had a part in directly bringing larger gifts to Education, Foreign Missions, Charities, Pensions, as well as the Home Mission work of the Synod. At the same time that this was true, all such memorial gifts to Church Extension were not a part of the current synodical budget. Unique as a memorial, it provides an opportunity to strengthen the program of the Kingdom *over and above* the regular budget income. What a wonderful opportunity to provide the "plus" in Kingdom building which real mission-minded people are looking for.

As flowers fade, and grave stones age in the wind, some to loose their footing and tumble eventually into the dust, the Home Mission Church Extension Fund memorial goes on. Goes on to build and build, to grow and grow! It is interesting to read the Book of Revelation as the writer says of the dead: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; *and their works do follow them*" (Rev. 14:13). When busy hands and happy testimonies lie silent in death, the gifts of memory take up the unfinished tasks to carry on. One day the Church will be at home in the Master's presence, and the need to press forward among the lost with the message will be gone! Until His coming, He has said "Occupy 'til I come."

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Nju

TOWARD THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Epistle: I Peter 4:7-11 **The Gospel: John 15:26—16:**

Monday, May 11
COURAGE FOR SUCH A TIME

Read Esther 4:10-17

"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this"?

Evil days had come for the Jews in the kingdom of Persia. Powerful enemies were seeking to destroy them entirely. The King had agreed to let Haman do as he wished to rid the land of the Jews. In this crisis, Mordecai sent an urgent message to Queen Esther to intercede for her people.

Queen Esther knew the risk involved. To approach the King without being summoned could well mean her death. Queen Esther was no doubt beautiful. But she is remembered for her courage. She dared to risk life itself for the sake of her people. Thus God was able to use her to deliver His people from their enemies. The enemies of God's people are still active today. God grant also us in our time women who do not keep silent but who have the courage to use their influence to foil the plans of the forces of evil. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Tuesday, May 12
ABUNDANT GRACE

Read Ephesians 1:1-23

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

The grace of God is the favorite theme of the New Testament writers. And the atonement is the act of God that really shows us what grace is. This is grace, that God, rather than destroying men because of their sins, sent His Son to die on the cross that through His blood we might have forgiveness. Grace is free to us, but it was costly to God. Grace makes us rich, but it made Christ poor. Grace honors us with the name, "sons of God," but it also placed upon Christ our disgrace. Grace comes to us in the form of costly giving, even the blood of Christ. In Christ, the grace of God is inexhaustible. The promise of forgiveness is held out to all without any limitations. As surely as we always stand in need of grace, God stands ready with the free gift. With Him is abundant grace.

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Wednesday, May 13
GRACE AND GOOD WORKS

Read Ephesians 2:8-22

For we are his workmanship, created Christ Jesus for good works, which G prepared beforehand, that we should wa in them.

Our salvation from beginning to e is by grace. It is the work of God a not the result of our work. It is God w has made us, created us anew in Chr Jesus. But let us remember that God c ates with a purpose. God gives a new l in order that we might live. It is Go plan that this life be lived in a new w We are to live, not unto ourselves, b unto God. The purpose for which G has created us in Christ Jesus is for go works. That is the end product God h in mind from the first. If you are "m by God" you are also "made for go works." You are forgiven by God's gra and God's grace also gives you the po to forgive others. To reject the grace God is to reject God and to remain d in sin.

Dear God, may we who are saved grace not reject Thy grace. Amen.

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Thursday, May 14
TO GOD THE GLORY

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations, for ever and ever.

The possibilities of a life dedicated to God are beyond human calculation. Who, for example, can measure the influence of a Paul, or a Peter, or a Martin Luther? If they are in contact with our world today, surely they must be amazed to see that they are still remembered. In fact, their lives are influencing more people today than in the day in which they lived here on earth. How can we explain it? Not in terms of Paul, or Peter, or Luther but in terms of the power of God that was at work within them. And so we remember them, not with hero worship, but with thankfulness to God. What they accomplished in the Kingdom of God, and what we can accomplish, is due to the power of God at work in them and in us. To God belongs the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Friday, May 15
MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME

Read Ephesians 5:1-16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

"I have more time than money" is an expression that is frequently heard. And the implication is that, of the two, time is of the lesser importance. To waste money is looked upon as a sin: to waste time is regarded as a social grace. The idle life is the ideal life in the eyes of a great many people in our day.

Christians are to make the most of the time. That the days are evil merely underscores the need of our making use of every opportunity to do God's will. While the battle for the souls of men is raging all about us, it is no time to sleep. The darker the night, the more important that we keep our lights burning. The Christian calling is a call to a strenuous life. For what calls for more watchfulness, more wisdom, more energy, than to be imitators of God in a sinful world?

Dear God, help us to use our time wisely.

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Saturday, May 16
JOY IN THE LORD

Read Ephesians 5:17-33

And do not get drunk with wine, that is debauchery; but be filled with Spirit. . . .

It may be a little shocking to "getting drunk with wine" and "fi with the Spirit" separated by only a se colon. We tend to disassociate the in our thinking. Nor are the two sim except in terms of opposite answers t common need. The lure of alcohol is escape from the problems of life and find fellowship. The answer is wrong deceiving, but it does little good to c demn unless we have something bette offer.

And there is a better answer. It is joy and the fellowship based on the dwelling Spirit. A Christian society gives evidence of the joy and enthusi that comes from fellowship with God not but attract men and women wh hungry for that which bread alone ca satisfy.

Dear God, help us to witness with lives of the joy we have in Thee. A

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

REFUGEES

The Associated Church Press, at its 34th annual meeting, called upon Congress to enact legislation enabling several hundred thousand European refugees to establish permanent residence in the United States within the next few years. The organization also urged Congress "in planning a much needed revision of the present immigration law, to remove from such law the discriminating provisions based on race or nationality which are embodied in the McCarran-Walter Act." A resolution dealing with Palestinian Arab refugees was amended from the floor to recognize Jewish refugees in Israel as well.

At the same time the National Council of Catholic Men adopted a resolution at their annual meeting calling for immediate enactment of special legislation to provide for admission into the United States of additional numbers of refugees, expellees, and displaced persons on a non-quota basis. This group also referred to the McCarran-Walter Act, declaring "that the immigration legislation passed by the last Congress unjustly discriminates against the peoples of southern and eastern Europe."

EVANGELICALS

When Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, addressed the 11th annual convention of the group, he spoke out against "the severe, misleading, and irresponsible attacks by evangelicals upon evangelicals." Reporters stated that it was obvious the reference was to the fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches.

According to Dr. Rees, sharp divisions among conservative churchmen are not surprising "in a day of revived interest in the church." He condemned, however, what he called the "philosophy of secondary separation" whereby a church body not only demands "doctrinal purity" of its constituents, but insists also that their relationship with other churchmen be "completely free of theological taint." "This we believe," he said, "invades unduly the realm of personal Christian conscience, and the corollary of this philosophy is hyper-separatism in which there is no logical stopping place this side of the inquisitor's court."

BINGO

They are talking about Bingo in New Jersey. The New Jersey legislature has turned down two attempts to have a statewide referendum to legalize bingo. Several bingo bills have been introduced in the session, but all have been bottled up in committee. Demands have come that they be brought out, but Republican leaders have ignored the request. At the same time the 21 county prosecutors in the state, following a meeting with the Attorney General, have announced their intention to clamp down on bingo games run by church, fraternal, and charitable groups. One spokesman for the prosecutors stated the unique reason for their decision: "The games are illegal. We say this is the court's opinion, and it is up to us to do our jobs."

In Hudson County, when the county prosecutor echoed the decision made at the Attorney General's meeting, Mayor John V. Kenny of Jersey City said that city officials would not raid or interfere with bingo games sponsored by churches, veterans, or fraternal organizations.

In Nebraska a bill to authorize a state-wide referendum on legalizing bingo on a local option basis was defeated in the Senate. Once again it was aimed at permitting the privilege to "religious and fraternal organizations."

In Pontiac, Michigan, twenty-seven housewives arrested while playing bingo in the Church of God were de-

INCREASE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

RNS Photo

There are many ways to get Sunday school attendance, as folks in East Pasadena, California, can testify. The Rev. Robert L. Simonds of Pilgrim church in that city has been conducting a "one-man drive" to increase attendance. These youngsters, gathered in front of the church, are part of the fruit. Mr. Simonds distributed "Go to Church" posters in neighborhood stores, made some 4,800 personal calls with help from his congregation, conducted a "Flying Saucer" contest in which he distributed free candy to children who returned the saucers to his church, and awarded a bicycle to the youngster who brought in the greatest number of new members to Sunday school. The end of the drive showed an increase of more than 120 per cent in attendance.

nounced from the pulpit by their pastor and a guest minister. When police raided the game, the leader of the group was calling numbers from the pulpit.

GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS

East German authorities have cracked down on Evangelical Church youth organizations in a series of actions throughout the Soviet Zone. High school and college officials were forced by Communist officials to call mass meetings at which students were given the choice of signing statements that they would sever their relationships with such church movements or be expelled. Students known or believed to be members of Junge Gemeinde (Young Community), the Evangelical organization for teen-agers, or Studenten Gemeinde, the Church movement for university students, were called up before the mass meetings and handed mimeographed statements to sign.

In Brandenburg City and in the Berlin suburb of Koenigswusterhausen alone more than 100 students who refused to sign were ousted from schools.

Communist officials in several school districts issued orders forbidding students to wear the "cross-on-globe" badge of the Junge Gemeinde and directed members of the organization to report to local police stations every third day.

UNIVERSITY OPENS NEAR TOKYO

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After long preparation and planning the Japan International Christian University at Mitá near Tokyo, has had its formal opening. To mark the opening a reception was given at Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., by Councillor Akira Miyazaki (right). Shown with him are two of the guests at the reception: Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Jap (left), and Dr. John Coventry Smith, associate general secretary of the Board of Foreig Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and vice-president of the University Found tion. Mr. Miyazaki formally conveyed the thanks of the Japanese government to thes Protestant denominations in this country which supported the fund drive.

POLITICS FROM THE PULPIT

There isn't enough politics from the pulpit, asserted Jack Kroll of Cincinnati, director of the CIO Political Action Committee, as he addressed annual convention of the National ligion and Labor Foundation. He s "Ministers are not doing enough awaken in their congregations a se of civic duty and civic responsibilit am not suggesting that ministers t their churches into political institut or their prayer meetings into polit rallies, but they cannot ignore the tions of their state legislatures, gressmen, and other elected public cials. . . . You cannot say you will a man's soul and ignore his econo status."

Mr. Kroll referred to Rep. Ha H. Velde of Illinois when he said, says there's too much politics b talked from the pulpit now. By lights, the only minister who's saf the minister who stays safely a from all reality."

Roy Reuther, administrative assis to his brother, Walter Reuther, p dent of the CIO, told the delegates the Church and Labor "both stand for brotherhood and do s thing about it so we can survive free, religious, and labor people. Church should take an active part fight for specific issues. The Ch should join labor in fighting for w old-age security, etc."

NEW CHURCH PRESS OFFICERS

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Named officers of the Associated Church Press at the group's 34th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., were, left to right, Dr. Wm. B. Lipphard, editor emeritus of Missions Magazine, executive secretary and treasurer; Mrs. David D. Baker, editor of the Church Woman (interdenominational), second vice president; Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran, president; and Robert J. Cadigan, editor of Presbyterian Life, first vice president. Mrs. Baker is the first woman to be elected an officer of the ACP, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the U.S. and Canada.

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LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
St. Paul, Minn.

On April 12 and 13 the senior class of Luther Seminary held its annual class retreat at Camp Ihduhapi near Maple Plain, Minn. Meeting under the theme, "Fulfill Your Ministry," the class had as its special guest speaker Dr. Morris Wee, pastor of First Lutheran Church in Duluth. Dr. Wee spoke Sunday evening on, "Only One Message, the Gospel," and the following morning on, "The Work of a Parish Pastor in an American Setting."

Morning devotions were led by Mr. Norman Engebretson, a member of the class, and the morning Bible study fellowships by three members of the faculty, Dr. Iver Iversen, Dr. E. Clifford Nelson, and Dr. Edmund Smits. Monday afternoon Dr. L. A. Pierson brought greetings on behalf of the district presidents. Dr. Rolf Syrdal and the Rev. T. Arnold Thompsen discussed the fulfilling of the ministry with regard to Foreign and Home Missions respectively; and "Fill Full Your Ministry; Complete Your Ministry," was the theme of Dr. George Aus' closing address on II Tim. 4:1-5.

The schedule was purposely loose and flexible so as to allow time for coffee, recreation, and fellowship between students, faculty, and visitors. The retreat was a real spiritual treat, giving renewed assurance to young men about to enter into the active gospel ministry of the relevance, attraction, and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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On April 7 and 14 ELC Films sponsored a program on the use of audio visuals for the senior class. The first session was held at the seminary with Miss Della Olson, editorial assistant in the Parish Education office, speaking on "Using Audio Visuals in Parish Education."

"What Are Audio Visuals and Their Values" was presented by Mr. Neville Pearson, audio visual instructor at the University of Minnesota. Included in the second session were types of materials available in films and filmstrips, how to project sound motion pictures and filmstrips, how a recorder can be of service in a church, and some of the essentials of making a good recording. A sound motion picture, "How to Teach with Films," was also included.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

On April 20 Augustana College at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., sponsored an all school banquet as the kick-off for the campus drive of the Augustana Library Achievement Fund. Among the guests of the college were Dr. C. M. Granskou, president of St. Olaf College, Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker, president of Luther College, and Pastor Sidney Rand, president of Waldorf College.

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Members of the junior class were given an opportunity on April 14 to learn what is involved in the administration of a college as Student Administration Day was observed on the campus.

The following students participated: Roger Berdahl assumed Dr. L. M. Stavig's position as president of the college; Jim Mueller worked with the treasurer, Bryon Ellingson as athletic director, Beverly Gross with the dean of women, Vivian Jorgensen with the registrar, Marjorie Wagnild with the Placement Bureau, Darrell Guttormson with the maintenance head, George Scarbrough with public relations, Loren Scott with the dean of men, Neil Trobak with manager of the cafeteria, and LeRoy Iseminger with the business manager.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

The art and music departments at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. are sponsoring a May Festival at the college on May 2 and 3. Three high school choirs and three church choirs have been invited to take part in the event.

An outdoor concert by the Concordia band, directed by Prof. Leif Christianson, will open the festival. Following this, selections by the high school choirs will be heard as well as a massed concert, directed by Paul J. Christiansen, in which the Concordia concert, chapel, and women's choirs will also take part. High school choirs participating are: Mayville, N. Dak., Roger Kolsrud, director; Enderlin, N. Dak., M. C. Olufson, director; and Alexandria, Minn., Murrae Freng, director.

Participating on Sunday, May 3, will be the choir of Granite Falls, Minn., Lutheran church, Orel Vangen, director; Moreland Lutheran Choir, Chicago, Ill., Edward A. Nelson, director; and Grace Lutheran Choir, Watertown, S. Dak., David Olson, director.

In the final concert Sunday evening selections will be presented by the Concordia College band, chapel choir, women's chorus, and the Concordia Choir.

An art exhibit featuring paintings by Concordia students will be on display in the new gymnasium-auditorium during the festival.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

A parish education institute has been conducted at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., from April 14 through May 5. Meetings have been held each Tuesday evening to give helps and methods in teaching in the church.

The goal of the institute is directed towards orientating church school teachers, youth directors, and parish workers in new trends in Christian education.

Faculty members have been Elaine M. Tracy, dean, St. Olaf; Carlyle W. Holte, associate director of the ELC's Young People's Luther League; and Margaret Christiansen, primary teacher, Farnsworth School, St. Paul.

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Five of St. Olaf's physics students have accepted assistantships for next year at leading graduate schools in Wisconsin, Florida, New York, and Washington.

The following assistantships have been accepted: Owen T. Anderson, Adams, Minn., to the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Melvin Lavik, Oconomowoc, Wis., the University of Florida, Gainesville; Herman Maltrud, Ada, Minn., the University of Washington in Seattle; Duane A. Olson, Sparta, Wis., Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Darold C. Wobschall, Wells, Minn., the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.

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PERSONS

Dewey Brevik (not Carl, as stated earlier in these columns), a senior at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has accepted a call to Linn Grove, Iowa.

The Rev. P. M. Trelstad, who served the Canby parish, Canby, Minn., during the recent vacancy in its pastoral office, is now serving the rural Florida Church, north of Canby, which has been a part of the Canby parish, but now is a separate one.

The Rev. Cameron Hoff, until lately chaplain (major) at Camp Pendleton, California, sailed April 19 from San Francisco to serve as chaplain for ten months in foreign service, to begin with in Korea.

The Rev. M. W. Tolo, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Lee, Ill., was recently given the purchase price of a new automobile by his parish. This is the second time that the parish has done so during Pastor Tolo's ministry in Lee.

David Helgen, a senior at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has accepted a call to be assistant pastor at St. Olaf Church, Austin, Minn. His installation has been tentatively set for June 21.

The Rev. Archie Lovaas formerly of Beaver Bay, Minn., is now pastor at Borup, Minn.

The Rev. A. E. Dahlen, until recently of Ponoka, Alberta, began April 20 his new pastorate at Foremost, Alberta.

The Rev. Oliver Bergeland has resigned as superintendent of the Homme Children's Home, Wittenberg, Wis., and has accepted a call to serve as executive director of the Lutheran Welfare Society of South Dakota, with headquarters in Sioux Falls.

Dr. F. A. Schiotz, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions, left New York plane April 14 for a 7-week trip Europe and the Near East. He w seek to achieve final agreement wi the Israeli government for the conv sion into German reparation marks the Israeli pounds which the Luther World Federation received as inde nity for former German mission pro erties in the State of Israel. He pla to visit banking establishments in Lo don, Paris, and Zurich dealing in i ternational monetary affairs, to explo means for getting the funds out of rael without loss in exchange valu During his visits in other parts of E rope he will prepare the final agen for the Commission of World Missio annual meeting at Bielefeld, Germa July 20-25, and also gather reports f the Lutheran World Federation's e ecutive committee meeting at Tron heim, Norway, July 27-Aug. 2.

The Rev. Ray Farness has resign from his pastorate at Christ Church Chicago to enter the chaplaincy of t U. S. Naval Reserve. He will be porting for duty in the course of t summer.

The Rev. Norman A. Nelson, Arm Air Force chaplain at Ellington A Force Base, Houston, Texas, has a cepted a call to Calvary Church, C cago. He will begin his ministry the about the middle of June.

The Rev. A. W. Jorgenson, assista director of the Abiding Memori Foundation, preached Sunday, Ap 19, in the Bricelyn parish in Minneso Earlier he had preached in Trini Church, Oakland, Calif., and in UELC parish at Reedley, Calif.

The Rev. E. O. Midboe, assista army chaplain, Governors Island, Ne York, addressed April 13 a meeting Atlantic Circuit pastors on "T Churches' Responsibility to the M and Women in the Service."

WESTERN CHOIR PARTICIPATES IN WEEKLY BROADCAST

Pictured above is the 44-voice choir of Central Church, Tacoma, Wash., which plays an important role in the broadcasting of the regular Sunday morning service over station KMO, Tacoma. Central Church began this broadcasting service March 22. The picture shows with the choir members the director, Wilbur Arnold, the organist, Miss Orpha Moser, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. H. Redal. On Good Friday evening the choir sang Dubois' "The Seven Last Words."

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Mount Prospect, Ill. In a recent ne item from Mount Prospect Chur parish of the Rev. H. J. Rasmussen, was erroneously stated that eighty fa ilies had been received into memb ship since the beginning of the pr ent year; it should have read: sin January, 1952.

Hoboken, N. J. New pews w dedicated April 12 at Trinity Chur parish of the Rev. Richard Nybro. T congregation's goal for this equipm addition, $2,500, was exceeded by m than $700 without a formal drive funds.

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. Bethel Church, parish of the Rev. A. C. Lehman, held a series of special evangelism meetings April 19-23. The speaker was the Rev. T. Arnold Thompsen, assistant Home Mission director of the ELC.

Northern Minnesota

Detroit Lakes, Minn. At a meeting of the Northern Minnesota District Pastoral Conference held here April 14-15 Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave two lectures: "The Other-Worldly in our Preaching" and "The Earthy Entanglements of the Gospel." Dr. Geo. W. Forell, St. Peter, Minn., lectured on "The Christian Interpretation of History" and "Christianity and Power Politics." Other speakers were Pastors J. B. Jerstad, M. A. Severtson, I. O. Jacobson, R. C. Reinholtzen, and Oscar Rem.

North Dakota

Fordville, N. Dak. Nine adults were confirmed April 12 in Fordville Church; four of these were also baptized. Four of those confirmed were former Roman Catholics. Five of the nine became members of Trinity Church in Lankin, which is part of the Fordville parish. In all, each of the two churches received fourteen accessions. The pastor of the parish is the Rev. M. E. Arneson.

Lankin, N. Dak. Trinity Church of Lankin, which was organized in May last year, has purchased the church building of Our Saviour's Church at Park River. This building will be moved to Lankin as soon as the new church in building at Park River may be taken into use.

Rocky Mountain

Libby, Montana. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Kermit Forde, has recently added to its church building a new chancel and a new choir and organ loft. The purchase of a Baldwin electronic organ is under consideration by the congregation. The Sunday school enrollment has increased within the year from 50 to 100. New accessions to membership so far in 1953 number 34.

Pacific

Seattle, Wash. Ballard First Lutheran Church held March 8 for the 24th time its traditional annual Fishermen's Festival. The church was filled to overflowing by fishermen about to start their fishing voyages for the season, and also by relatives and other friends. The sermon was given by the Rev. Arnold F. Anderson, pastor of the church. Among greetings given was one from the new mayor of Seattle, Allan Pomeroy. A new feature this year was the presentation of a pocket-size New Testament to each fisherman present. A delayed broadcast of a part of the service was sent out in the evening by Station KOMO.

Springfield, Oregon. After adult baptism and confirmation on Good Friday and admission of 25 new members at Easter, Springfield Church, parish of the Rev. A. O. Odegaard, now has 500 members. Three services took place on Easter Day. A special offering for debt retirement totaled $1,257.74.

California

Los Angeles, Calif. Our Saviour's Church, which for the past year has worshiped in the auditorium of the Ambassador Hotel, since its church was sold to give way to the Harbor Freeway, had a so largely attended Easter service that more than 200 worshipers had to be turned away. At the site where the congregation's new church is to be built (on Sixth St., between Bronson and Norton) one of the houses on the lots purchased has been converted into offices for the pastor, the Rev. Myrus L. Knutson, and for the Rev. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willmar Circuit WMF will meet May 1 at Atwater, Minn. Speaker: Dr. Oscar C. Hanson.

Harvey Circuit WMF will meet May 4 at McClusky, N. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. Conrad Halvorson.

Twin Valley Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Faaberg Church near Fertile, Minn. Speakers: Dr. J. L. Knutson and State Representative Coya Knutson.

Hudson Circuit LDR will meet May 3 at New Richmond, Wis. Speaker: Miss Arline Rude.

Decorah Circuit Brotherhood will meet May 3 at Washington Prairie Church near Decorah, Iowa. Speakers: the Rev. C. E. Johnson and Arthur Strand, president of South Central District Brotherhood.

Central Wisconsin Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Alban Church, near Rosholt, Wis.

Hudson Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Woodside Church, near Baldwin, Wis. Speakers: Mrs. L. E. Reinertson and the Rev. O. S. Hoven.

Vernon Circuit WMF will meet May 12 at Our Saviour's Church, Westby, Wis. Speakers: the Rev. Conrad Thompson and Mrs. Marcus Lewis.

Fargo-Moorhead Circuits WMF will conduct a Bible Retreat at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., July 14-15. Registrations are to be sent to Mrs. Norman Thom, 1201 S. 6th St., Fargo, N. Dak.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Carlos, Minn., will celebrate its 80th anniversary May 16-17.

For Sale: Nine 10-foot light oak pews. Write Harold Ehlert, Carlos, Minn.

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80 acre farm Shawano Co., Wisconsin, located 1 mile from Lutheran church and school. All land under cultivation, except about 5 acres pasture. Good black-top road. Electricity in all buildings, phone, 6 room house, buildings in good condition. Will sell livestock and machinery. 308-1A

For Sale—32 acre farm of level land in Trempealeau Co., Wisconsin. Cement highway; 5 room house; barn 20x36, electricity, pressure water. Grapes, raspberries, and strawberries. School bus and mail service at door. Lutheran community. 308-2A

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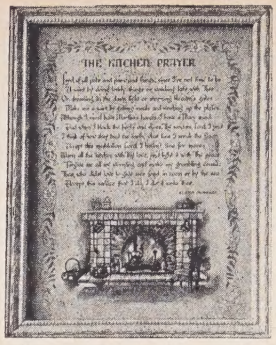

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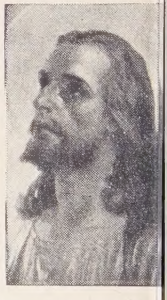

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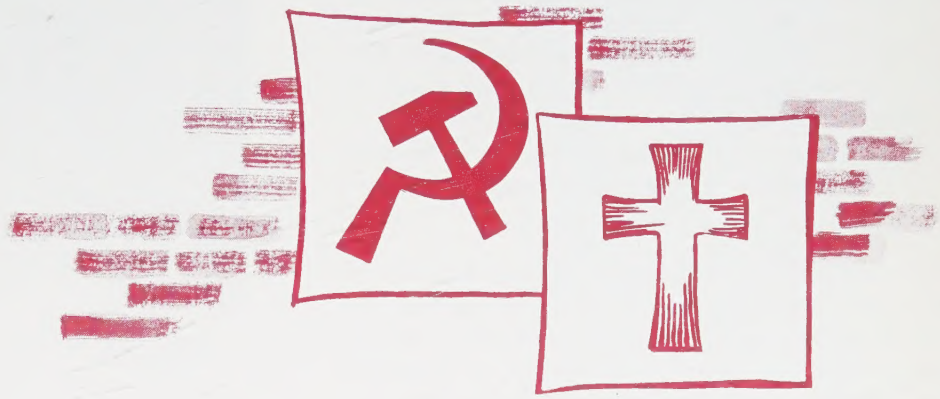

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